



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JANUARY 30, 2017**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Spitzley

PRESENT: Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: none

Council President Spitzley asked people to think of her during the moment of meditation as she presides over her first meeting as Council President. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spitzley.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Wood

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of January 9, 2017

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Vice President Wood

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. Mayor's State of the City Report
2. FY 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
3. Confirmation of 2017 Council Committees pursuant to Rule 16 of the Lansing City Council Rules

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Council Member Hussain spoke about the recent community meeting Hunter Ridge Park and the upcoming Lansing Eaton Neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Yorko spoke about the Downtown Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting, and an upcoming community meeting to solicit input on the exterior design of the new power sub-station at Malcom X Street and Washington Avenue.

Council Member Washington shared details on the First Contact community and Eastside Neighborhood Organization Meeting.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bernero spoke about home occupation, thanked LCC for the forum held today on immigrant issues and shared his thoughts on President Trump's Executive Orders on Immigrants and Refugees.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to add Section 1460.04, Home Occupation Registration And Inspection, to Chapter 1460 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to provide for the registration and inspection of any building or structure in a residentially-zoned district where the operation of a home occupation within such building or structure utilizes electricity that exceeds 3500 kwh (kilowatt hours) per month or where the operation emits gases, fumes, smoke, or odors outside of the building or structure and across the building or structure's property line; and to provide civil infraction penalties for noncompliance with Section 1460.04.
2. In consideration of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District; 506 S. Hosmer Street.
3. In consideration of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) Certificate; 506 S. Hosmer Street.
4. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to add Section 206.25 to Chapter 206 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by requiring transparency in the solicitation, awarding, opening and selection of bids for projects that receive certain economic incentives approved by the Lansing City Council.

Vice President Wood gave an overview of the public hearing on the Home Occupation Registration and Inspection.

Council Member Washington gave an overview of the public hearings on the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District and Certificate for 506 S. Hosmer Street.

Eric Pratt, representative of LEAP; developer, JP Buckingham; and owner, Will Mathews gave an overview of the public hearing on items Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District and Certificate for 506 S. Hosmer Street.

Council Member Washington gave an overview on the ordinance requiring transparency in the solicitation, awarding, opening and selection of bids for projects that receive certain economic incentives approved by the Lansing City Council.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Deb Parrish spoke in support for the transparency in bidding

ordinance.

Hugh McNichol spoke in support for the transparency and open bidding process.

Tesha Doyle spoke against the home occupation ordinance.

Jim DeLine spoke in support of the transparency in bidding ordinance.

Price Dobernack spoke in support of the transparency in bidding ordinance.

Kathy Miles spoke on various legislative matters.

David Lee Lambert spoke about the Hosmer OPRA and Home Occupation Ordinance.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

2. In consideration of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District; 506 S. Hosmer Street.
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

3. In consideration of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) Certificate; 506 S. Hosmer Street.
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-010

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, City Council will establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion to ensure and continue positive support of the continued efforts of the City of Lansing, Michigan as a welcoming Community for diverse population; and

WHEREAS, this Committee will work to communicate information and foster diversity to various City Departments and organizations; also to create a template to review any ordinance or policies changes as to how these changes will affect our diverse populations and what accommodations may need to be made for the a particular population.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, this Ad-Hoc Committee will consist of three

(3) members of City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Committee will meet through December 31, 2017.

By Council President Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-011

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Council President Spitzley has reviewed the functions of the Lansing City Council standing committees as contained in the Lansing City Council Rule 16 and recommends their re-adoption without change for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the standing committee functions as contained in Rule 16 of the Lansing City Council Rule as hereby adopted for 2017.

By Council President Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-012

BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, by Motion of Council Member Carol Wood to revise the City Council Rules (the Rules) last amended December 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 41 of the current Rules, the proposed revisions shall be placed on the Council Agenda for Council receipt and review, but "shall not be considered for adoption sooner than the next council meeting"; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the City Council Rule amendment to Rule 4, which is fully set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council Rules containing this amendment to Rule 4 shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and the City Clerk shall make copies thereof available to City Council, the Administration, and the public.

LANSING CITY COUNCIL RULES

(Amendment introduced on January 23, 2017 and adopted January 30, 2017)

Rule 4. Appointment of Committee Members; Creation of Ad-Hoc Committees. The President shall appoint all Council Members to the standing committees, any Council Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee and to any outside agency (see Section 3-102.6 of the City Charter). The President shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each standing committee and any ad-hoc advisory committee. Each standing committee of Council shall consist of three NOT MORE THAN FOUR Council Members. SHOULD ANY SUCH STANDING COMMITTEE ISSUE RESULT IN A TIE VOTE, SAID ISSUE SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL BE DISCHARGED OF THAT ISSUE. The President may, at his or her discretion, create or discharge any ad-hoc advisory committees.

By Vice President Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-013

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON,

HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Chapters of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.- Epsilon Tau Sigma Graduate Chapter will celebrate 103 years of service, and their Sisterhood organ Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. – Theta Rho Zeta Graduate Chapter will celebrates 97 years of service with their 5th annual “Joint” Founders’ Day Program and Brunch, with the theme “Forward to the Next Level”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winston K. O’Neal, this events key note speaker, is a native of Detroit, Michigan and holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Sociology & Management Information Systems; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winston K. O’Neal joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated on May 18, 1979, and has served his fraternity with great distinction from that day forward. In addition he assisted with the founding of the University of Detroit, Rho Nu Chapter. Mr. O’Neal has served in serval leadership roles, and served as chairman of the Sigma week, Sigma Beta Club Director, Director of Collegiate Affairs and Alumni Advisor; and

WHEREAS, From 1988-1998, Mr. O’Neal was appointed as the longest serving State Director for Michigan. Winston was then elected to the position of Regional Director for the Great Lakes Region of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, in April 1998 serving two terms and is also a proud life member; and

WHEREAS, March 28, 2002, Mr. O’Neal along with ten members organized and founded the Nu Alpha Sigma Chapter where he currently serves as president. As a god fearing man of faith, Mr. O’Neal has been an active member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church for over thirty years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council commends Mr. Winston K. O’Neal on all his honors and accomplishments and wishes him continued success in all his endeavors.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-014

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON,
HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority have been actively involved in a wide variety of public service projects for the Lansing community, and the program has provided over \$75,000 in scholarships to individuals graduating from the Lansing area high schools since the chapter was chartered in 1960; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority annual “Red & White Affair” will be held on February 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the “Red & White Affair” event serves as an annual fundraising celebration of the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority’s continued commitment and service to the greater Lansing community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council

acknowledges the Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority’s annual “Red & White Affair” and expresses its appreciation to its members for their continued commitment to the City of Lansing and its residents. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-015

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association has requested a resolution of recognition as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license pursuant to MCL 432.103 (9); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reported that, based on a review of the documentation submitted, the applicant qualifies as a Local Nonprofit Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association of 603 S. Washington, Suite 303 Lansing, MI 48933.

By Vice-President Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-016

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a claim be resolved by virtue of entering into a settlement agreement with claimant 2062876wc03001256001, in which, the City of Lansing would agree to pay Plaintiff the sum of One-Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) in exchange for a complete redemption and release of the City from any past, present, and future liability regarding any alleged injuries/illnesses whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement is recommended by the Mayor, the Department of Human Resources Director, the City of Lansing’s Fund Administrator, and the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the payment of One-Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) pursuant to said proposed settlement agreement as a full and final settlement of said action.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Attorney is authorized to prepare and execute the requisite documents to complete settlement of the aforementioned lawsuit.

By Vice-President Wood

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION 2017-017

The Committee Report for the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity

We invited approximately fifty members of various organizations as well as community members that indicated a desire to participate on the Lansing City Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity. The first meeting was held on Friday, February 20, 2015. The initial meeting explained how *Action of Greater Lansing* approached the City Council to support a resolution declaring Lansing as a welcoming community for immigration. After the resolution was adopted Council President Boles was also asked to appoint an Ad Hoc on Diversity to look at City government and how it dealt with and fostered diversity.

The Committee began by set up meeting schedules; determine others who should be invited to sit on the Committee, long and short term goals. Some of the objectives of the Committee were to review the Human Right Ordinance and the complaint process. How to communicate information on diversity to various organizations and also to create a template to review any ordinance changes as to how these changes will affect our diverse populations and what accommodations may need to be made for the a particular population. The Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity work many months reviewing and updating the Human Rights Ordinance. Also assuring there was workable complaint process outline in the ordinance and a Department to follow-up on such complaints. Special thanks to Steve Purchase who work hours on a tri-fold outline the Human Rights Ordinance.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REPORT ON FOCUS DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

- Complaint and Concerns by Carmen Benevides regarding ICE role and portrayal in the District and Circuit Courts in City Hall. The Committee had Lansing Police Department Captain Daryl Green and 54A District Court Administrator Ms. Brewer at the meeting where they explained their practices and what changes they were making. The Committee did ask ICE to also present, however they never responded. It was confirmed that 54A District Court has adopted procedures since this came to everyone's attention.

- Snow Sergeants project was begun by former Councilmember Boles, and since there were outstanding issues it was turned over to the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity. There were three organizations that stepped up to offer volunteer assistance and fill the fiduciary role. These were Tri- County on Aging, Capital Area Center for Independent Living, (now Disability Network Capital Area) and Peckham. The City Council continues to receive calls for assistance, and Councilmember Wood recently met with a MSU student on options where they could assist and recreate the program. The Committee discussed further options for assistance, the fact that volunteers are hard to get and maintain on a regular basis. The Committee encouraged Tri- County on Aging and Peckham that if those funds donated to the City and distributed to them in the past were not used because the program did not succeed this year, it should be returned to the people who donated at the end of this winter season. Mr. Bale and Councilmember Washington offered their assistance to Councilmember Wood if anyone contacts her for shoveling assistance this winter. Mr. Dotson suggested the Court's required community service program and was to follow up on this. Ms. Lemmer provided a phone number for Dax Carpenter with Disability Network-Capital Area to volunteer or sign-up as a client (517-999-2760). Mr. Carpenter had also indicated they had purchased two snow blowers to help with the process. Other areas to explore for volunteers include Michigan WORKS, Peckham, Courts, School Honor Groups, and Neighborhood Organizations.

- Bob Peralas with Board of Water & Light presented to the Committee on their billing program such as Pennies for Power, due to language barriers it was suggested to provide future informational handouts in different languages. At the time of this presentation there were no non-English speaking employees to contact for billing inquiries, so they were going to research addressing that. The presentation also focused on website issues, rentals, and senior rates. Councilmember Washington offered to ask Mr. Peffley for an update on the diversity in the calling center, an update on 3rd party billing and any update on

Pennies for Power.

- A report was given on the incident that occurred at CATA Station and how so many were unfamiliar with the Human Right Ordinance or how file a complaint. This resulted in the Committee addressing and amending the City's Human Rights Ordinance. The Committee also created a brochure on the topic. The Human Resources & Community Services Department was asked to provide training, and the Committee also asked all City Departments to provide training for new hires and review training for all employee on a regular bases regarding the Human Rights Ordinance and complaint process.

- Lansing Police Department Chief Yankowski presented to the Committee his promotion process and hiring process. At this meeting there was a focus with the Chief on outreach areas, training, working with the LGBT community, and bi-lingual languages. Councilmember Wood stated that as of the date of December 2, 2016 she believed there were still eight (8) open positions, and at the Ad Hoc meeting the Chief attended there were over 20. Some officers that have been hired are bi-lingual. Ms. Locke recalled the Chief stating they would provide accommodations during testing if they were requested, and at this meeting she now asked if the LPD could change their procedure to ask and not wait for someone to tell them they need accommodations.

Mr. Lopez informed everyone of a Committee called ALPACT (Advocate of Leaders of Police and Community Trust) that works to promote Michigan Rights by bringing together local police and community leaders on how to act and react. Mr. Lopez stated he would forward this information to Council staff to distribute.

- Social Justice training was conducted at Peckham site and included a visit of their facilities. Mr. Bloss presented information on the equitable allocation of resources in society and the absence of unfair, unjust advantage or privilege based on race, class, gender, or other forms of difference. Interaction between the groups was an asset.

- TRIAD – Tri-County TRIAD is a partnership among law enforcement agencies, fire personnel, senior citizens (60+) and community members which promotes elder quality of life through advocacy, assistance, education and training. Lt. Traci Ruzi presented information on empowering senior citizens so they can continue to be independent residents or receiving the needed help so they can remain in their homes. Each year during "No Senior Without Christmas" (NSWC) project they package 300 boxes for needy, homebound senior citizens who reside in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties. The boxes are filled with necessities of daily living and specially made gifts. Once boxes are filled, law enforcement and fire personnel from the Tri-Counties load up their vehicles and deliver the boxes to senior citizens' doors. In order to ensure that NSWC boxes are filled, they rely on the hands of over 150 volunteers and the generous product donations of our community.

- CATA - Sandy Rios with Capital Area Transportation Authority presented to the Committee information on the Spec-Tran opportunities, fixed routes, and routing systems and how they are determined. There was also a discussion on bus shelters. Ms. Harris confirmed that CATA has a quarterly meeting and someone from St. Vincent's does attend.

- Lansing Fire Department - Chief Talifarro outlined the hiring processes, emergency EMT issues, and making sure they were addressing communicating with those with English as a second language. The Committee asked for an update from Lansing Fire Department on whether any of the trainings had been incorporated, if any organizations have been invited to trainings, and if any groups informed the Lansing Fire Department that they are willing to participate. Mr. Lopez added that this presentation also spoke on the time frame with their hiring, and asked for questions to be posed to Lansing Fire Department if that was corrected. Councilmember Wood stated her opinion she thought all positions have been filled, but could

ask if those time frame issues have been corrected. Mr. Lopez asked for the question to be asked then if LFD is preparing to fill retirement positions. Councilmember Spitzley pointed out that there was also a challenge in finding diverse fire fighters. The Lansing Fire Department informed the Committee during the presentation that they were doing training on the job, and also making contact with the high schools. Ms. Lemmer informed the Committee that currently there is a group at MSU working with Lansing Police Department and Lansing Fire Department to respond to elder abuse calls, in conjunction with TRIAD.

- The Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity determines the importance of reestablishing Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Observance at City Hall as an annual event by Lansing City Council. The event was held April 8, 2016 and will be held this year on March 31, 2017 at noon. The Committee believes this event gives us the opportunity to help instill the values and culture of Cesar E. Chavez in our community.

- 911 Center Director Lance Langdon made a presentation to the Committee. The Committee felt there were concerns that were not addressed, and they did not have all the information the Committee was looking for. The Director did inform them of a good deal of turn over because of the stress of the job, and how they are always performing in-house training. The Committee had asked to be brought into the 911 Center for those trainings so they could communicate with the call takers their concerns, but there has been no contact with anyone in the Committee to participate. Ms. Harris added she felt what was discussed about Smart 911 was very helpful, and that practice has been incorporated with her organization and they advocate for this program with all their clients.

A concern for the Committee was the lack of recruiting of Spanish speaking dispatchers. The Committee offered to help with recruitment and retention of potential new bilingual hires, but 911 Center Director never followed up on offer.

- St. Vincent's Refugee Services – Judi Harris presented on the population of refugees being incorporated into the area. Currently there are discussions at the State level and testimony on halting refugee settlement in Michigan. There was only one speaker allowed and that person, Ms. Harris stated, did not speak to the vetting or consultation of immigrants. Ms. Harris informed the Committee on December 9, 2016 that in the last Fiscal Year there were 776 refugees settled, 425 of those were children.

- HIV Treatment and Presentation, presentation by Todd Heywood. Council Members suggested a second presentation on the topic to the Committee of the Whole. It was also noted that even after the presentation there needs to be community education, and continued work to eliminate the stereo-types of people living with HIV. The Committee learned that people taking the medication are close to 99% cleared from transmitting the virus. Lastly, the Committee agreed the presentation should be taped and replayed on CityTV in a 30 minute clip for community education.

- Islamic Center of East Lansing- Iman Chaudry presented information and addressed myths about the Muslim community. He addresses issues such as "How does Islam fit today? What is Jihad and what does Islam say about it? and Who is the Prophet Muhammad?" Iman Chaudry also shared information on a "101 Class" that is open to members of the community who want to learn more about the Islamic Faith. This is available Sunday of every month at 2:30pm. Mr. Bale recently attended a session and will share information on the class via email to the Committee. This is another presentation the Committee felt needed to be taped and replayed on CityTV in a 30 minute clip for community education.

- Mr. Al Salas and members of the Hispanic Community discussed issues with regards to equality between some organizations when it comes to their events. The Internal Auditor had provided information as to cost incurred by various groups. Also during the presentation the importance of making sure City government

represents diversity throughout the structure from employees to management. Many in the Latino community feel that the City is not hiring or promoting within the Latino community. He also explained that the Cesar Chavez Committee is working on fundraising for their annual event to beautify the parking lot known as Cesar Chavez Plaza in Old Town. Councilmember Washington provided examples of group sponsorship forms that were recommended that Mr. Salas put together a package to obtain sponsorships in the future.

- Resolution Center Executive Director Greta Trice provided resources and information on dealing with community problems through mediation. Restorative Practices are based on principles of restorative justice which seek to repair the harm caused by conflict, violence or violations of law. The Center currently has two restorative justice programs; the school based program was founded in 2004 with a pilot project at Pattengill Middle School in Lansing. It has since expanded to serve multiple school districts. Resolution Services Center works with the Michigan Special Education Mediation Program (MSEMP) to bring mediation, facilitation, and training services to our school districts. We work to help children with disabilities promptly receive the services they need within their schools, specifically to benefit their development and success.

- Code Compliance Lead Inspector Scott Sanford and Bruce Odom, Assistant Chief Lansing Fire Department presentation focused on rental dwellings, working with the seniors in the community and addressing residents who speak and read English as a second language. Recently with the discussion on land contracts at City Council's Ad Hoc on Rental Property, there was an overview provided on a policy on land contracts. The Committee looked for encouraging changes to assist with opportunities for people with disabilities. Mr. Sanford highlighted statistics from the Department which included grass notices at 9,994, disabled vehicles at 1,365 and failure to register as a rental at 1,089. All registered rental properties should have certificates on the property. If there are concerns with people residing at red tagged properties, the police should be called. The Committee did voice a frustration with the City Works complaint tracking program.

- Housing Grants & LEAD Grant Funding was presented by Barb Kimmel with the Planning & Neighborhood Development Department of the City. This assistance can be used with rentals and owner occupied homes. The homes must be built before 1978; there must be a child under the age of 6 living on site, or a pregnant person on site. The City has \$8,000 available in grants for lead reduction, and they can use \$10,000 from a CDBG Loan and other rehabilitations to remediate lead. This was on HUD grants, lead testing procedures and equipment. The Committee encouraged making this presentation a 30 minute program on the City cable channel.

Council Member Wood proposed having CITY TV representatives at a future meeting to discuss the options for programming.

- MSU Extension Program Annette Sokolnicki, MSU Extension Educator, District 8 Health and Nutrition Institute Michigan State University Extension with Imalda Galdamez made a presentation on the number of diverse populations they work with. MSU Extension efforts on diversity and inclusion include multicultural workshops and resources. There are ten bilingual staff members and they also work with the Arabic families in the area, along with Native American families to provide them with resources and assistance. They focus on the underserved members of the community. There did appear to be some disconnect between MSU Extension and other organizations they work with and the different processes required for participation and how to better coordinate with that.

- The Committee sponsored the Resolution "Stand Strong Respect Michigan Reaffirming the Pledge." The Committee was contacted and asked to recommit their support for inclusive communities

and to stand against hate and discrimination by affirming that Lansing should be a Welcoming City.

- Heather Boyer LLMSW Legal Advocate- S.A.F.E. Place, Battle Creek. The Committee learned what is offered through local domestic and sexual violence programs but also that more connections need to be made with the schools to support children and families who have witnessed or experienced violence. There needs to be more awareness of services the families can get and a shift from just discussing warning signs to more discussion of prevention and promoting healthy relationships. Suggestions were made to Mr. Lopez, who sits on the Lansing School District Board, that the schools should look into peer support groups, and have counselors that deal with non-academic issues, if that isn't already offered. This discussion allowed for a number of the participants to relate to personal issues in their own lives and how they have survived and grown as part of that.
- Guillermo Lopez shared a 2009 proposed resolution declaring the City of Lansing a "Sanctuary City." The City Attorney's office was asked to review it for legal ramifications and Council Staff reviewed it for confirmation of other cities in the United States that had already declared, removed themselves, or were considering Sanctuary City status. The resolution was discharged to the Committee of the Whole due to the fact that this Ad Hoc Committee was no longer an official committee.

Members of the Committee appreciated the increased understanding of various life experiences that came from their participation over the last two years. Each member talked about how information provided as part of the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity was shared with the organization they represent. This Committee is responsible for changing legislation for a more effective Human Rights Ordinance and complaint process resolutions supported various activities such as Lansing as a Welcoming City, suggestions for training for City and other employees were discussed, and critical information was shared with various groups forging a new understanding and respect. The Committee is so dedicated to the continuous education, collaboration, and challenges that are still before us they have decided to continue meeting on monthly bases to address and shed light on issues that affect the quality of life in our community.

Contributing & Attending Members

Maximo Anguiano, Action of Greater Lansing & Civil Rights for Immigrants
 Anas Attal, LEAP
 Erika Brown-Binion, Refugee Development Center
 Jim Bale, Greater Lansing Labor Council
 Scott Cole, Peckham
 Aida Cuadrado, Director of Action of Greater Lansing
 Patrick Eagan, Lutheran Social Services of Lansing
 Judi Harris, St. Vincent's Catholic Charities
 Daryl Green, Lansing Police Department
 Connor Huges, MSU Journalist
 Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, Director HRCS
 Ken Lane, Clark Hill
 Tammy Lemmer, Tri-County Office on Aging
 Sara Levine, Tri-County Office on Aging
 Stacey Locke, Peckham
 Guillermo Lopez, Lansing School District
 Rafael Marivez, MSU & Sparrow
 Yvonne Young McConnel, NAACP
 Kathy Miles, Rejuvenating South Lansing
 Trina Morrison, Peckham
 LeeAnna Olson, Resident
 Tedi Parsons, LEAP
 Karika Phillips, Power of WE Consortium
 Mary Ann Prince, Rejuvenating South Lansing
 Stephen Purchase, Resident
 Griffin Rivers, Resident

Ligia Romero, LAAN
 Al Salas, Cesar Chavez Committee & South Side Boys & Girls Sports
 Brett VanDrie, Peckham
 Matt Wesaw, State of Michigan, Department of Civil Rights
 Eric Webber, President Local 421 Fire Fighters Union
 Diane White, Resident
 Sandy Wolfe, Peckham
 Elaine Womboldt, Rejuvenating South Lansing
 Joseph Yang, Boys & Girls Club
 Former Councilmember A'Lynne Boles
 Councilmember Jessica Yorko

Submitted by Committee Members
 By Councilmember Carol Wood, Chair
 Councilmember Jody Washington
 Councilmember Patricia Spitzley

RESOLUTION #2014-265 BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING OCTOBER 13, 2014

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2014 ACTION of Greater Lansing appeared before Lansing City Council to request a resolution to be adopted in "Support of Children In Need"; and

WHEREAS, ACTION of Greater Lansing is known for its diverse congregations, direct action model to bring specific commitments to the fore front, and work nationwide to reform America's immigration laws and ensure civil rights for all people, native born and immigrant; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2014 the Lansing City Council unanimously adopted Resolution #2014-226 In Support of Children of South America-Immigration; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2014-226 affirms that the City of Lansing, Michigan welcomes the children of Central and South American and will encourage people and organizations to provide housing, care and protection to these children seeking refuge or asylum from the inhumanities of political unrest, violence and corruption.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, to ensure and continue positive support of the continued efforts of the City of Lansing, Michigan as a welcoming community for diverse populations, this Resolution will establish an AD-HOC Committee on Diversity and Inclusion that will be meeting from October 13, 2014 thru October 13, 2016 with an option to renew or extend in future years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this AD-HOC Committee will meet to pursue future support options and protection for these children seeking refuge or asylum; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this AD-HOC Committee will consist of Council Member Derrick Quinney (Vice Chairperson), Council Member Carol Wood (Chairperson) and Council Member Jessica Yorko, and the alternate member will be Council Member Jody Washington.

By Vice President Wood

Motion Carried

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully

completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Wood that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spitzley make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
 - a. Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities placed on file in the Clerk's Office

PLACED ON FILE

- b. Lansing Housing Commission Financial Reports
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - a. FY 2016 Budget Carryforwards
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- b. Capital Region Community Foundation Grant
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

- c. 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

- d. Homeland Security Grant
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

- e. 2016 Justice Assistance Grant
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

- f. Special Operations Budget Appropriation
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- g. Special Assessment Capital Project Fund Deficit Elimination Plan
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- h. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- i. State of the City Report
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Deb Parrish spoke about various City matters.

Stan Shuck spoke against home the occupation ordinance and various city matters.

Mikey Taylor spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Harold King spoke about various city matters.

Justin Cheong of Detroit spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Kate Stenvig of Detroit spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Seth Kalis spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Michael Mercer of Holt spoke about various city matters.

Monica Smith of Detroit spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Mik Mulholland of Detroit spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Shandria Vaught of Detroit spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Gregory Devries spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Father Dick Preston spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Mary Flores spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Sara Bijani spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Rudy Rayes of Charlotte spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Ed Montemayor of Holt spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Elva Reyes of Charlotte spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Maximo Anguiano spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Shayla Kandell-Castillo spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Betsy Riley spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Alison Kolodzy spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

David Lee Lambert spoke about immigration policy.

Zoe Steinfield spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Eugene Yacobson spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Jason Durham spoke against the home occupation ordinance.

The Council discussed the process of reviewing a potential resolution regarding Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:56 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK